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**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION**

I, John C. Yarian, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 15029 Portland Avenue South, Burnsville, Minnesota 55306, hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated above next to my name; and that I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "METHOD FOR MINIMIZING ERROR IN WEIGHT-MEASURING DEVICES", the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification including the claims as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the Oath or Declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby appoint HAUGEN LAW FIRM PLLP, a professional limited liability partnership, consisting of the following attorneys/agents and the following attorneys/agents individually: Orrin M. Haugen, Registration No. 17,972, and Mark J. Burns, Registration No. 46,591, of 1130 TCF Tower, 121 South Eighth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402; Telephone No. (612) 339-8300, my attorneys/agents with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this

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application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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